

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: N. A. Levkovich
TAKESHI IMAMURA, ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1797
Application No.: 10/522,404	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 5542
Filed: January 26, 2005	)	
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For: LIQUID TRANSFER APPARATUS	)	December 18, 2007
AND METHOD OF MANUFACTU-	:	
RING THE SAME	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT  
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 26, 2007, for one month from November 26, 2007 to December 26, 2007. The petition fee in the amount of \$120.00 is being paid electronically. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action of October 26, 2007.

A careful review of the specification reveals that the various embodiments are closely related and do not require separate fields of search. Accordingly, neither Applicants nor the Patent and Trademark Office should be put to the trouble and expense entailed in multiple

filing and prosecution. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the public at large should not be required to obtain and study several separate patent documents in order to have available all of the issued patent claims covering the invention.

Nevertheless, pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §809.2(a), Applicants provisionally elect the subject matter of Species VI. Claim 13 reads on the elected species, and Claim 1 is generic.

Examination on the merits and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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